

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/025,872

Examiner

Brenda Pham

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/26/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18, 20 and 22, renumbering as 1-20, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/26/01
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

*Brenda A. Pham*

9/7/05

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Victoria Donnelly, Reg. No. 44,185, on September 6, 2005.

2. Application has been amended as follows:

Claims 19, 21 and 23 are canceled.

Claim 18, line 13, after "user MPLS packets" inserted "wherein the means for transmitting comprises a multiplexer for multiplexing user and non-user MPLS packets and assigning same MPLS label to the user and non-user packets; wherein the means for segregating the user and non-user MPLS packets comprises a demultiplexer, which provides segregation of said packets based on the assigned protocol type indicators."

Claim 20, line 1, "in claim 19" is amended to "in claim 18".

The Abstract of The Disclosure has been amended as follow:

Page 33, line 1-6, deleted "In a MPLS packet network comprising a source edge router, a destination edge router and a label switched router connected by transmission links and using a packet transport protocol providing a protocol type indicator of the transport packet,"

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

3. Following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art made of record fails to teach in combination means at the label switch router for forwarding MPLS packets received from the source edge router or from another label switch router in such a manner as to preserve the protocol type indicator of the packet transport protocol of each received MPLS packet; and means at the destination edge router for recognizing the protocol type indicator of the transport protocol of the MPLS packets received from the label switch router and means for segregating the user MPLS packet from non-user MPLS packets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kuehnel (US 2004/0202148 A1) discloses a system and method of data stream transmission over MPLS.

Nomura (US 2002/0103924 A1) discloses method for allocating network aggregation bandwidth and a network system using the same.

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**Conclusion**

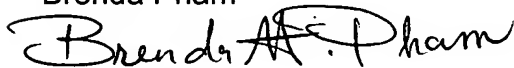
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin, can be reached on (571) 272-3134.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

September 7, 2005

Brenda Pham

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda A. Pham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name "Brenda Pham".